Opening of Fair Price Depots in Dharwar District.

Q.—1336. Sri C. S. HULKOTI (Mundargi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether thy are aware that the fair price shops are not still opened in Dharwar District ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that a lot of discontentment and agitation is being caused in the public for want of fair price shops ;

(*c*) the reasons for not opening fair price shops uptil now in the said district ;

(*d*) whether and if so, when do they propose to take steps to expedite the matter ?

A.—Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) No. There are 11 Fair Price Depots actually functioning in the District.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) In some parts of the District there has been complaints about high prices of foodgrains and the need for opening of Fair Price shops. Altho ugh institutions like Co-operative Societies, Village Panchayats and Municipalities in the District are willing to take up distribution of foodgrains, they are not coming forward to take the work actually. The possibility of entrusting the distribution work to to the reliable private merchants in the District in the interest of the public if the institutions are reluctant to take up the works is being examined.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—May I know the number of Fair Price shops opened ? Is it only eleven ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—In the reply it is given as 11. But the list which is with me gives the number as 19 fair price shops. That might have been the position when the reply was given. Some of the fair price shops might have been discontinued.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Have the Government built up stocks?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—We have.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That does not arise out of this question which refers to fair price shops in Dharwar District.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Can an Hon'ble Member sleep in the House?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not know who is sleeping. A member can sleep in the House without being noticed by the Speaker but he cannot snore (Laughter).

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—On a point of explanation. I was not sleeping. I was meditating for putting supplementary questions.

Construction of Bellavi-Mallasandra Road in Tumkur District.

Q.—1343 Sri G. N. PUTTANNA (Tumkur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the villagers of Bellavi Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, have been urging for laying a road between Bellavi and Mallasandra in Tumkur Taluk, passing through Asalipura, Kaggere, Chikkanarvangala, etc., villages ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the villagers of Chikkanaravangala will be held up being surrounded by water all round for two to three months when the tank of Naravangala discharges ;

(*c*) whether it is not a fact that the District Board, Tumkur, prepared an estimate long ago ;

(*d*) whether they would take up the said work to relieve the villagers from inconvenience ?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMAIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes, for the road from Bellavi to Kaggere *via* Singipura and Asalipura only.

(*d*) The above work is in progress.

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